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COTTON PROGRESS AHEAD OF FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

As of August 27, **Cotton** bolls opening remains ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 65 percent of bolls open, compared to 35 percent last year and 55 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 24 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 44 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 25 percent moderate, and 28 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 18 percent very poor, 35 percent poor, 34 percent fair, and 13 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as

short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short to adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State generally remained above average for the week of August 27. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Safford to normal at Flagstaff, Grand Canyon and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Coolidge and Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 46 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at thirteen stations. Precipitation ranged from .85 inches at Grand Canyon to 0.02 inches at Gila Bend with four stations reporting no precipitation.

Producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 20-AUGUST 26, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	73	1	93	49	0.12	3.97	5.86
Casa Grande	88	n/a	n/a	0	0.00	2.19	5.40
Coolidge	87	2	109	69	0.00	2.74	5.11
Douglas	76	2	96	62	0.42	7.14	8.57
Flagstaff	63	0	81	46	0.26	9.05	14.41
Gila Bend	91	2	109	74	0.02	2.54	3.90
Grand Canyon	64	0	82	47	0.85	8.80	10.02
Kingman	79	1	98	65	0.75	3.18	6.36
Parker	91	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	2.58
Payson	73	3	96	56	0.52	9.64	13.62
Phoenix	91	1	106	78	0.23	4.04	4.34
Prescott Airport	71	1	86	57	0.36	7.34	9.29
Safford Ag Center	79	5	104	63	0.13	3.05	5.61
Tucson	84	1	100	71	0.24	5.46	7.23
Willcox	76	3	98	60	0.13	5.54	8.07
Winslow	75	0	93	56	0.03	2.56	4.79
Yuma	92	1	108	79	0.00	0.30	1.78

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